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SUBJECT: PDRY SUBVERSION IN YAR

SUMMARY: DOCUMENTATION OF SUBVERSION IN YAR BY NEW
PDRY PARTY CREATES DOUBT ON LOCAL SCENE RE SAUDI EFFORTS
MODERATE REGIME IN SOUTH.

1. PRIME MINISTER ABDAL AZIZ ABD AL-GHANI SAID ON 21
DECEMBER THAT IN MID-MONTH, JUST AT TIME OF ID, A
LEADER OF THE MUQAWWIMIN--PDRY-INSPIRED RESISTANCE
TO HAMDI AND MODERATES GROUPS HERE--HAD BEEN KILLED
IN SHARAB, SMALL VILLAGE NEAR HAIS IN TAIZ GOVERNORATE,
ABOUT HALF WAY BETWEEN TAIZ AND MOCHA.

2. UNNAMED LEADER WAS PASSING OUT FUNDS TO FAMILIES
OF MEN WHO HAD GONE TO SOUTH YEMEN OR WERE OTHERWISE
ENGAGED IN RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES. DEATH APPARENTLY

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RESULTED FROM NON-POLITICAL REASONS ARISING OUT OF JEALOUSY

ABOUT SIZE OF DISBURSEMENTS TO DIFFERENT FAMILIES. NEVERTHELESS, GOVERNMENT FORCES, UPON INVESTIGATION, DISCOVERED NUMEROUS DOCUMENTS CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF ARMS, MONEY, PROPAGANDA AND ORGANIZATION INFORMATION TO CADRES WHICH NOW UNIFIED SOUTH YEMENI REVOLUTIONARY PARTY TRYING TO CONSOLIDATE IN YAR.

3. ABDAL AZIZ NOT CONVINCED SAUDI-PDRY RECONCILIATION EFFORTS WILL HALT THIS KIND OF SUBVERSION ACTIVITIES IN YAR. HE SAYS HE UNDERSTANDS AND SUPPORTS THE SAUDI EFFORT, AND SEES A ROLE FOR YEMEN TO PLAY AS A MODERATE ALTERNATIVE TO PDRY, BUT DOUBTS THAT MUCH PROGRESS WILL BE MADE QUICKLY TOWARD CHANGING ATTITUDES OR PROGRAMS IN ADEN REGIMES.

COMMENT: PACE OF ANY SAUDI SUCCESS IN SOUTH IS OBVIOUSLY OPEN TO DOUBTS BUT WE SEE SAUDI BID TO END DHOFAR WAR AND AID ADENI REGIME AS FIRST AND BIGGEST STEP TO SPLITTING PDRY INTERNALLY, ENCOURAGING MODERATES OR PRAGMATISTS THERE, PUTTING SOVIETS AND RADICAL PARTY MEMBERS ON DEFENSIVE, AND SETTING UP NEXT STEPS BY US AND SAUDIS. RANSOM

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